

## YEAR'S CLOSE WITNESSES TWO MORE TERRIBLE DISASTERS--TRAIN WRECKS BOTH IN THE EAST AND WEST

### 20 KILLED IN INDIANA, 4 IN NEW JERSEY

#### AWFUL TRAGEDIES ON THE RAILS TO-DAY

(By United Press.)  
CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 27.—A rear end collision occurred at eight-thirty this morning on the Camden and Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad here. Four persons were killed and twelve more or less injured. Several persons were looked in the cars and not released for some time. The cars took fire. The fire department and train men extinguished the fire before it attained any headway. A dense fog obscured the signals and the wet, slippery rails are responsible for the wreck. The Atlantic express was standing in the yards of the Pennsylvania railroad when the Pennsylvania, running at a lively rate, ran into it. The impact against the standing train with all its momentum, drove the engine and tender into the smoking car of the wrecked train. Many passengers were injured and were pinned under the wreckage for half an hour until a rescue party arrived and lifted the ten-

(By United Press.)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Twenty persons were killed in a railroad wreck near Libania, Northwest Indiana, to-day. Of the dead four are Americans, the rest natives. Many were injured. The crash was between two passenger trains running at thirty miles an hour. They met head on at a curve. The Libania station master has been arrested. It is charged that the cause of the wreck was giving one of the trains false orders under which the engineer had a clear track.

### Fairbanks Gets Boost At Home

REPUBLICANS OF INDIANA, ASSEMBLED IN LOVE LEAST, URGE HIS NOMINATION.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Resolutions were adopted unanimously yesterday at the biennial "love feast" of Indiana Republicans urging the nomination of Vice President Chas. W. Fairbanks for the presidency. The resolutions were introduced by Governor J. Frank Hanly and were adopted with a round of cheers by the thousand and more active party workers of the State who were present. The resolutions:

"We, the Republicans of the State of Indiana, in biennial love feast assembled, send greetings and felicitations to the Hon. Chas. W. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States, and turn to him for leadership in the pending presidential campaign. We have often trusted him and have many times given him high commissions.

"His clean life in public and in the home, his clearness of conception, his poise of character, his conservative courage and his great ability have long appealed to us.

"His love of the people, from whose folds he came, the faith he has ever manifested in American institutions and in Republican principles, his ripe experience in public affairs, the support he has given President Roosevelt in the senate and in his high offices and the memory of the confidence and affection in which the late President McKinley held him, lead us to declare him great and brave and brave enough to deal with the new conditions now before the country.

"We ask his leadership with full confidence in his wisdom and his patriotism, and promise him in return our highest effort and best endeavor to secure for him the commission of his party at the national convention to be assembled at Chicago next June."

United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge presided and made the principal address. Others present included Senator Hemenway.

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### Body of Refined Woman Was Found In Icy Pond Nearly Submerged In Water

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 27.—A murder, combining the elements of mystery and deliberate cruelty that take it out of the ordinary, was committed on the Hackensack Meadows in the town of Harrison early yesterday, and the body of the victim, a comely woman of perhaps thirty years, nearly submerged in the icy waters of a little pond. Only the feet projected when chance passers-by broke the ice in which the exposed portions were incased, and dragged the body ashore in the afternoon.

The dead woman was finely featured; her hair and nails gave evidence of a recent and scrupulous toilet, and such of her clothing as was subsequently found suggested in texture and style an owner of refinement, rather than one whose habits might lead her to frequent the vicinity of the crime. The pond in which the body was thrown is made by the overflow from the Passaic river and is directly across the river from this city.

The body had not been identified last night, and it was pretty well established that it was not that of a resident of this city or Harrison. Its description does not correspond with that of any woman reported to the police as missing. Two men who occupied a yacht moored near where the body was found, are detained by the police, but the most important clue obtained was furnished by Peter Coogan, a watchman employed by the Marine Engine Company, who recognized the body as that of a woman whom he had seen crossing the meadows in

company with a man early yesterday. Later he saw the man alone. He then carried a bundle in his arms. The man was short and stout. Coogan whose duties keep him in the neighborhood of the murder, told the police: "While outdoors at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, I saw this woman in company with a man cross the meadows, going in the direction of the pond. They passed so near me that I am able to recognize the woman's features. Sometime later, perhaps an hour, the man returned and again passed me, this time going in the direction from which the two had come when I first saw them. This time the man was alone. In his arms he carried a bundle which he had not had before. In build he was short and thick set."

Coogan could not give a better description of the man.

Two girls returning to their homes in Harrison long after midnight heard a woman's cries floating over the marsh land. They seemed to come from the direction of the pond, and to the startled girls sounded like "spare me," and "help." Nearer home the girls were approached by a well dressed stranger who accosted and followed them until a policeman was met with, when he turned and fled. The girls had a good view of the man under an electric light and while he was well and neatly dressed, his hands showed either that he was accustomed to manual labor or had recently been engaged in work that soiled his fingers.

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### LONAONING STAR SOLICITS FUNDS

\$200 SENT IN AS CONTRIBUTION TO THE MONONGAH RELIEF FUND.

LONAONING, MD., December 24th, 1907.

Mr. J. E. Sands,  
Treas. Relief Fund,  
Fairmont, W. Va.  
Dear Sir:—

Enclosed find draft for Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200.00), as Lonaoning's contribution to the Monongah Relief Fund, which is forwarded as a Christmas gift to the widows and orphans of the victims of the mine disaster.

The collections of this fund, which was inaugurated by the Lonaoning Star, have not yet been completed, and on Friday night, this week, there will be a benefit entertainment held in the Opera House here, under the auspices of the Star, the proceeds from which will be turned into this fund. Therefore, we hope to send you additional help during the next week or ten days.

These contributions represent the churches, pupils of the public schools, business men, individuals and Fraternal organizations, and are the result of co-operation and united effort on the part of our generous community.

Please acknowledge receipt at your convenience, and believe that we are in entire sympathy with the relief efforts for the unfortunates being made.

Very truly and fraternally yours,  
(Signed)  
A. C. THOMAS, Treasurer.

### SUES MCKINLEY ESTATE.

Duncan Alleges His Uncle Abner Owed Him \$10,000.  
CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 27.—William M. Duncan, of Cleveland, a nephew of the late President McKinley, has filed suit in common pleas court for \$10,000 against R. F. Shields, administrator of Abner McKinley's estate, and against the widow and daughter of Abner McKinley.

Duncan alleges Abner McKinley borrowed \$10,000 from Helen McKinley in return for an assignment of his interests in President McKinley's estate, and that Helen assigned the claim to Duncan. He says Abner McKinley refused to recognize the claim.

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### MANNINGTON ELKS GIVE BALL

VERY BRILLIANT FUNCTION WAS ATTENDED BY THE ELITE OF THE CITY.

(Special to the West Virginian.)  
MANNINGTON, Dec. 27.—The ball last evening was perhaps the most brilliant of the many elaborate social functions which the Mannington Elks have to their credit. All Mannington's dancing set were in attendance and a large number of out-of-town people participated in the festivities. The ball opened with more than forty dancing couples on the floor, while the card tables in the club rooms afforded amusement to a goodly number in addition.

Mannington's favorite orchestra, Vincent's from Grafton, furnished music for the occasion, and more than sustained their high reputation in this city, their music being conceded to be the best ever played in this city. The orchestra consisted of eight pieces.

The programme consisted of twenty-seven numbers in all, twenty-one regulars, four extras, and two specials. The first dance began at 9:30 and "Home Sweet Home" closed the festivities at 2:30. At the hour of midnight an intermission was had and a dainty lunch was served from the club room kitchen.

A special feature was the elaborate scheme of decorations, which were in a style suitable to the holiday season. The club rooms and the ball room were filled with every kind of evergreen. Wreaths of holly and clumps of mistletoe hung from every chandelier and curtain, while the orchestra was concealed behind a row of small evergreen trees, and each corner of the ball room was made into a "cozy corner," by the same device. The lodge colors, purple and white, were displayed every where in paper bells and streamers.

Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Koen, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dancer, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Beaty, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Beaty, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clayton, Mrs. Margaret Beaty, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mr. McNeely, Misses Anna, Charlotte, Frances and Winifred Herron, of New York; Anna McGuire, of McMechen;

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### SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL SAYS THE VICTIM

STORY OF THE AFFAIR TOLD TO OFFICIALS

The report that reached the county officials yesterday that a colored man had been shot at Gray's Flat last night, was posted dated one day. The shooting, which was purely an accident according to the averments of those who witnessed it, occurred Tuesday night. That it was an accident is the statement of Elijah Hannon, the victim. The only man that was with him at the time was Dennis Gilmore and he, too, says the shooting was accidental.

Justice E. S. Amos, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tusca Morris and a newspaper representative went over last evening and visited Hannon in the hospital ward. The authorities here thought that this would prove to be another case of homicide instead of suicide and for that reason the officers called on Hannon.

While the trio who visited the hospital were ascending First street they met two colored men who proved to be Dennis Gilmore and C. H. Thackson. They were accosted by Attorney Tusca Morris who asked them if they were from Gray's Flat. They stated that they were and that they had accompanied Hannon to the hospital. The men told of the shooting. It occurred in Thackson's house. Hannon and Gilmore were upstairs in the same room. Gilmore was working with a revolver. Hannon asked him the make and expressed a desire to see it whereupon Gilmore placed the gun on a table and pushed it toward Hannon. After Hannon had satisfied his desire in looking it over he placed the gun on the table and shoved it toward Gilmore and while in the act of pushing the pistol to Gilmore the revolver went off catching Hannon in the abdomen. Both men said that the shot was accidental as the men were on most friendly terms. These men passed on and the man at the hospital, the victim was next interviewed.

Hannon's statement did not vary from the story of the other two men. He said that they were on friendly terms and that his presence in the hospital and his physical condition was due to his own carelessness in handling a dangerous weapon.

The assistant prosecuting attorney and justice left the institution thoroughly convinced that it was not a deed executed with malice aforethought but the result of recklessness.

It has been less than a month ago since Gilmore's wife shot herself in Flemington. It was first thought that Gilmore was implicated in his wife's death but the inquest determined it a case of suicide and nothing was done with Gilmore.

Hannon's condition is serious but it is not thought that the wounds are necessarily fatal.

### Only Two Votes Favor Of Saloons

DISPENSARY SYSTEM ALSO GETS BLACK EYE IN ELECTION AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.—By a majority of 545 Raleigh voted out its liquor dispensary and becomes a prohibition city, the dispensary to close at noon to-day. In the city there were 978 votes for prohibition, 381 for dispensary and 2 for saloons.

The dispensary has been in operation here for four years. The sales have amounted to about \$250,000 a year, with about \$75,000 profits, this being placed to the credit of the school fund, the road fund and the city expense account. It reduced taxation but the voters here felt that its influence was not for the city's best interest.

Prominent Railroad Man Here.  
General Manager Bush, of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, came to this city this morning in his private car, which was attached to train No. 17. Mr. Bush spent the day examining Monongah mines Nos. 6 and 8.

Ford Doing Nicely.  
Mr. Will Ford, who was operated on last evening at Cook's Hospital for appendicitis, is getting along very well.

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## WILL CANVASS THE STRIKE VOTE

Entire Family of Five Burned To Death To-day When Home Was Destroyed

(By United Press.)  
WATERTOWN, Mass., Dec. 27.—The entire family of John Clark, himself, his wife and three small children, perished in a fire that to-day destroyed their home. Clark and his two boys, John, eleven, and Philip, nine, were suffocated before the blaze could touch them. When firemen rushed in to the house they found the trio lying on the floor, their positions revealing that the father had been trying to carry the boys to safety. The rescuers were unable to reach the room where Mrs. Clark slept with her two year old daughter. When the flames cooled the bodies were found slung almost beyond recognition.

### BANK CASHIER CHARGED WITH MANY FORGERIES

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 27.—Officers of the People's Bank of California, Pa., charge that endorsements on \$74,000 worth of paper given the institution by former Cashier O. F. Piper are forged. The charge is made at the end of an investigation started when the bank closed several weeks ago. At that time Cashier Piper and William Lenhart, a business man, of Pittsburg and Brownsville, were arrested, charged with conspiracy to defraud. Lenhart was released on bail, but Piper is in jail.

The name used for the endorsements is that of a leading California business man whose identity the bankers refuse to divulge. He repudiates all of the signatures. Piper yesterday denied that there were any forged signatures in the papers he handled. Stockholders and officers planned to reopen the bank January 1, through a thirty per cent. assessment and \$20,000 forfeit on Piper's bond, but Bank Examiner Berkey refuses to allow resumption until these amounts are paid over in cash and has postponed the opening to January 14th.

### Telegraph News Gathered and Printed For Busy Readers

#### 175 BODIES FOUND.

Darr Mine is Still Yielding Up Its Victims.  
JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 27.—The noon shift working entry twenty-seven located twenty-three bodies. Mostly all were in a mutilated state. The bodies will be brought out of the mine immediately, making the total one hundred and seventy-five.

#### CODY TO VISIT HIS WIFE.

Prospect of Reconciliation in Family of the Famous Scout.  
DENVER, Dec. 27.—A reconciliation between Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and Mrs. Cody will probably take place within the next few days. J. L. Sabin, a friend of Buffalo Bill, is authority for the statement that the famous scout will be in North Platte, Neb., where his divorced wife lives, this week and remain there several days. He believes peace will be established in the family before Cody returns to his Wyoming ranch.

#### DICK FOR A CONSERVATIVE.

Junior Ohio Senator Indicates His Views on Presidency.  
AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Senator Dick in a statement expressed the opinion that the Republicans must nominate a conservative man for President instead of one who will follow a course of unchecked reform. "If we are to win we must nominate a safe man and write a sane and conservative platform," he said. He is satisfied President Roosevelt's affirmation of his decision not to run for a third term is conclusive.

### Carnival Arrives

NEW ORLEANS IN GALA DRESS FOR THE GRAND OPERA SEASON.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The winter opera, which for more than a hundred years has been the opener of the carnival season in New Orleans, began last night. At the French Opera House, now fifty-eight years old, a troupe of Italian singers, the Milan Grand Opera Company, began a two month season with Puccini's "La Tosca."

Many northern visitors to the city witnessed the opening, which in respect to the large number of foreign spectators and musically well educated, was perhaps not to be duplicated in this country.

This year's opening differed from former years in that a traveling company began the season. Usually the between here and New York. The Philadelphia special will have 55 minutes New Orleans. After the season here added to its running time and the Milan Company will go to Guatemala, Central America, and then to Lima, Peru.

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## DEMANDS MADE MUST BE MET SAY RAILROADERS

O. R. C. AND B. R. T. MEN MEET TO-MORROW

(By S. W. Press Association.)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Members of the executive committee of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, with Garrettsburg, Morrissey and other officials, will meet in the Sherman house to-morrow to canvass the vote just cast by the members of the organization on whether they shall affiliate in making concerted demands for more pay and improved conditions of labor. All of the territory east of the Mississippi river is affected, as is also eastern Canada. Should the vote be favorable to making the demands, the chairman of each system will be notified by wire. Then on next Thursday a simultaneous demand will be made on the general officers of all the 65 companies involved. The general committees of all the railroad systems will convene on January 20 in the cities where the railroads have their headquarters in order to demand answers to the proposals.

Attempts will be made to arrange conferences with the railroad officials, but if compromise propositions are offered by any of the railroads the workmen will not have authority to agree on terms of settlement, but must report to the grand officials.

Changes of a radical nature as well as increases in pay are to be demanded for every branch of the service. One of the changes asked for is the abolition of the "double-header"—two locomotives with only one train crew—the two engines to be permitted in extraordinary cases only. The "double-headers" was the question which led to the famous Pennsylvania strike in 1877, which cost millions of dollars and many lives.

The vote now being taken is not a strike vote directly, but one to determine the sentiment or the men as to the proposed questions. The principal demands are as follows:

A—On runs of 4,500 miles per month, or over, the pay of passenger conductors to be 2.75 cents per mile; baggagemen, 1.65 cents per mile; flagmen, 1.56 cents per mile, and brakemen, \$2.25 per day.

B—On runs of 4,500 miles or less per month the pay of passenger conductors to be not less than \$4.25 per day; baggagemen, \$2.55 per day; flagmen, \$2.35 per day, and brakemen, \$2.25 per day.

C—Overtime on through passenger service to be based on a speed of 23 miles per hour, to be computed from the time the men are required to report for duty and to continue until they are relieved at the end of the run, and to be paid for at the following rates: Conductors, 42.5 cents per hour; baggagemen, 25.5 cents per hour; flagmen, 23.5 cents per hour; brakemen, 22.5 cents per hour; less than 30 minutes not to be counted, and 30 minutes or over to be paid for as an hour.

The demands made by trainmen employed in freight service follow:

In all freight service, 100 miles or less, ten hours to constitute a day's work; overtime to be considered after ten hours. On runs of over 100 miles overtime to be paid for on a basis of speed of ten miles per hour. Through and irregular freight service to be paid for as follows: Conductors, 3.8 cents per mile; flagmen, 2.65 cents per mile; brakemen, 2.7 cents per mile; 100 miles or less to be paid for as 100 miles. Local and pick-up conductors are to be paid 4.05 cents per mile; flagmen, 2.8 cents per mile, and brakemen, 2.7 cents per mile. With trains of over thirty cars, exclusive of cabooses, the practice of double heading is to be discontinued, except in inclement weather or to avoid running light.

It is set forth that the Chicago standard of rates of pay are to govern all terminal, divisional or other important yards. All other yards are to be paid one cent per hour less than the Chicago rate of pay. Ten hours or less shall constitute a day's work. If these demands should be sustained by the railroad workmen and be assented to by the officials of the railways involved, it is likely that one of the most determined strikes in railroad history will result.

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